

Academic Support, Student Services

When is 'enough reading'?

"I really need to read more of this book first to get my head around this topic"

"I'll just do another search on Google Scholar / e-library gateway / PubMed"

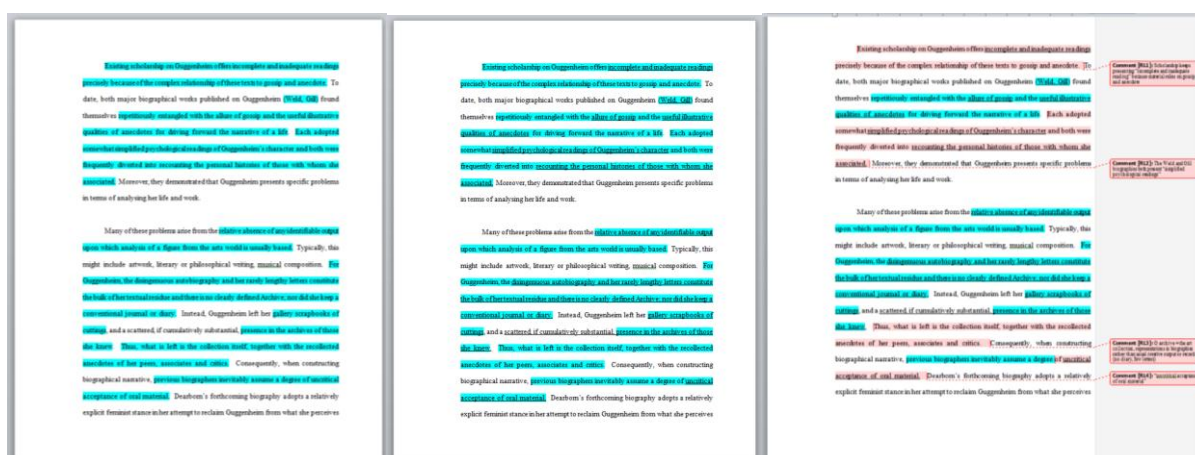
"I'll photocopy / print those really useful articles - I really must read them before I try and write anything"

"I just need to get detailed notes from this text"

Do you find yourself making lots of detailed notes from reading? Do you still manage to feel you've missed the point or not really understood the topic? Does your feedback indicate you've presented lots of good ideas and information but it doesn't really make a coherent assessment?



You may be a 'hunter gatherer'



Version 1 highlighted notes

Version 2 highlighting + underlining

Version 3 – added notes in the margin

That's *three* detailed stages of reading you've made from one page of text. Are you getting lost in the detail?

This handout is part of a set: see also 'Planning your writing to manage your reading', 'The Writing Triangle', and 'Tailoring notetaking to manage reading'.

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